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EDITORIALS*

YOSEMITE ANNUAL SESSION

This Year's Annual Session Voted a Success.—The sixty-fourth annual session of the California Medical Association, the third to be held in Yosemite since the founding of the Association in the year 1856, has now taken its place in the long annals of the society. It will be remembered as a session with a registration unusually large, in an environment nowhere to be excelled for its natural beauty, and for meetings at which the scientific papers were of excellent standard, with large and appreciative audiences; and for section conferences where business of exceptional importance was transacted by the delegates in an expeditious, but fraternal manner.

The Hotel Ahwahnee, Camp Curry and Yosemite Lodge, and their cabins and tent-houses, were all taxed to capacity; but everywhere was the spirit of good fellowship in evidence, going far in overcoming some of the occasional inconveniences. The total registration was 951, while at the dinner in the Camp Curry pavilion, given

* Editorials on subjects of scientific and clinical interest, contributed by members of the California Medical Association, are printed in the Editorial Comments column, which follows.

in honor of President Clarence G. Toland, almost twelve hundred guests were seated, with an overflow group of about three hundred at the Hotel Ahwahnee.

The scientific program, as printed in the April issue, was carried through splendidly. The Association is not only much indebted to the guest speakers, but also to the many members who, in the section programs, presented papers of worth on work done in the last and preceding years.

The full report of the transactions of the House of Delegates, now being transcribed by the official stenographer, will be printed in the July number. A perusal of the various items submitted to the House, and the decisions reached on many matters vital to the progress of organized and scientific medicine, should make every member of the California Medical Association realize the important functions of the House of Delegates, when it exercises its responsibilities in the election of officers and the determination of Association policies. To be a member of the House of Delegates is both an honor and an obligation, and should so be regarded by all.

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The Retiring President, Dr. Clarence G. Toland.

—The address of the retiring president, Dr. Clarence G. Toland, is printed in this issue as first of the original articles, and its perusal is commended to every member of the Association. The generous reception given to President Toland's remarks show that his personal points of view were in harmony with those of a very large number of California Medical Association members. The Association is deeply indebted to Doctor Toland for many efficient services, which he so unselfishly rendered during his term of office. His visits to numerous component county societies aided greatly in bringing into being a kindlier approach in the discussions of some of the important economic and welfare problems facing the profession in these troublous times. The outpouring of members at the dinner in his honor was a tribute in part to both his work and his genial personality. As he laid aside the cares of his office, he took with him the hearty good wishes of all his colleagues.

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President Robert A. Peers of Colfax.—With the close of the session on Thursday, May 16, Dr. Robert A. Peers of Colfax assumed the office of president. Doctor Peers needs no introduction to members of the California Medical Association who have kept in touch with scientific and organized medicine. His work in his own specialty, and his labors for the Placer County Medical Society and lay fellow citizens, are known to scores of physicians. Up in the Mother Lode country of California, his is a name to conjure with; and for no other reason than that of ever willing, generous and able service for all to whom he could be of aid. He is a representative of the splendid type of the all-around physician more frequently met with, perhaps, in the western than in the eastern states. Doctor Peers has had a